

In the Claims

Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please amend pending claim 1 as noted below.

1. (Currently Amended.) A method for identifying a platelet clearance antagonist, comprising:

[[C]] contacting a chilled platelet with a liver macrophage in the presence and in the absence of a test molecule; and

[[D]] detecting binding of the chilled platelet to the liver macrophage,

[[W]] wherein a reduction in the binding in the presence of the test molecule relative to the binding in the absence of the test molecule indicates that the test molecule is a platelet clearance antagonist.

69. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the platelet clearance antagonist is a platelet antagonist.

70. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the platelet antagonist binds to a platelet ligand selected from the group of platelet ligands provided in Table 1.

71. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein the platelet antagonist binds to a platelet ligand that is vWfR or a subunit thereof.

72. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the platelet clearance antagonist is a liver macrophage receptor antagonist.

73. (New) The method of claim 72, wherein the liver macrophage receptor is a Kuppfer cell receptor antagonist.

74. The method of claim 72, wherein the liver macrophage receptor antagonist binds to a liver macrophage receptor selected from the group of liver macrophage receptors provided in Table 1.

75. (New) The method of claim 72, wherein the liver macrophage receptor antagonist binds to a liver macrophage receptor that is $\alpha M\beta 2$.

76. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting binding of the platelet to the liver macrophage comprises detecting phagocytosis of the platelet by the macrophage.